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ARLINGTON, VA. -- The U. S. Navy today announced that its Navy Enterprise Resource Planning program (Navy ERP), successfully completed the close out of its Critical Design Review (CDR). The successful review provided a clear path forward for the programs Navy-wide business management capability. The Navy's implementation schedule calls for the money management and program management portions of the ERP capability to begin operation October 1, 2007, at the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR).

"This CDR was an enormous team effort that provided the Navy with the insight and roadmap for rolling out ERP. The program worked with a Board made up of both Industry and Department of Defense members to produce a report which identified challenges and reviewed remedies for potential risks in the successful execution of the program," said Rear Admiral James B. Godwin III, Program Executive Officer for Enterprise Information Systems. "We now have this program on a solid path for delivery."

Navy ERP is an integrated business management system that modernizes and standardizes business processes, provides unprecedented management visibility across the enterprise, and increases the effectiveness and efficiency of all Navy business operations.

Beginning in 2002, the Navy tested portions of the overall ERP suite of applications and processes in four different pilot test programs. Those tests substantiated that a commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) program can be successfully implemented with some adaptations, and that the new processes will provide substantial benefits to the Navy, according to Ron Rosenthal, program manager for Navy ERP.

"When sailors, marines and civilian workers understand how business activities will be accomplished using the same process everywhere in the Navy; that they all use one set of commonly understood and accepted data that only has to be entered once; that

their information is secure and available anywhere in the Navy; they begin to see really positive changes in their daily lives," Rosenthal said. "Job skills become more easily transportable, retraining requirements are reduced, job understanding and performance are improved and work gets done more quickly and accurately."

An additional business management package will be added at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, (SPAWAR) in April 2008. The supply release is scheduled for the Naval Supply Systems Command, (NAVSUP), October 1, 2008, and the maintenance package will be implemented at the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) on October 1, 2010.

The implementation of money and program management first recognizes the importance of the financial aspects of business management as the backbone of the ERP system, according to Rosenthal.

The Navy's Sea Enterprise construct commits Navy commands to fiscal and design efficiency that streamlines and improves business practices. Program officials say that the Navy ERP capability will provide a firm foundation for enterprise programs like the Navy's Lean Six Sigma initiative. Such modernization will allow the Navy to build the future force while maintaining current readiness and lowering costs.

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